

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 3160. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-508).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

H.R. 1943. A bill to provide for an effective HIV AIDS program in Federal prisons.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2631. To strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 3971. To encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 659. A resolution designating September 27, 2008, as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Day.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 3477. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize grants for Presidential Centers of Historical Excellence.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 3501. A bill to ensure that Congress is notified when the Department of Justice determines that the Executive Branch is not bound by a statute.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Clark Waddoups, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

Michael M. Anello, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Mary Stenson Scriven, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Christine M. Arguello, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Philip A. Brimmer, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Gregory G. Garre, of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

George W. Venables, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California for the term of four years.

A. Brian Albritton, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years.

Anthony John Trenga, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

C. Darnell Jones II, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Mitchell S. Goldberg, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Joel H. Slomsky, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Eric F. Melgren, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 3573. A bill to establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3574. A bill to establish the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones Fire Suppression Demonstration Incentive Program within the Department of Education to promote installation of fire sprinkler systems, or other fire suppression or prevention technologies, in qualified student housing and dormitories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3575. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to nutrition labeling of food offered for sale in food service establishments; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3576. A bill to prohibit the issuance of any lease or other authorization by the Federal Government that authorizes exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in any marine national monument or national marine sanctuary or in the fishing grounds known as Georges Bank in the waters of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 3577. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prevent excessive price speculation with respect to energy and agricultural commodities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. 3578. A bill to establish a commission to assess the nuclear activities of the Islamic Republic of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. 3579. A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States, to authorize grants for the assistance of organizations to find missing adults, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 3580. A bill to assure the safety of expeditionary facilities, infrastructure, and equipment supporting United States military operations overseas; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 3581. A bill to establish a Federal Mortgage Origination Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DODD, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 3582. A bill to require continued application of budget neutrality on a national basis in calculation of the Medicare urban hospital wage floor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 3583. A bill to limit or deny civil service protection for a Federal employee if the appointment of that employee is a prohibited personnel practice that was made on the basis of political affiliation as prohibited under any law, rule, or regulation; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 3584. A bill to comprehensively prevent, treat, and decrease overweight and obesity in our Nation's populations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3585. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish the responsibility of the Department of Defense to plan for and respond to catastrophic incidents in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 3586. A bill to provide loans to hospitals and nonprofit health care institutions to implement green building technologies, waste management techniques, and other environmentally sustainable practices to improve employee performance, reduce healthcare costs, and improve patient outcomes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 3587. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to provide grants to hospitals and nonprofit health care institutions for use in improving building and maintenance operations to engage in environmentally sustainable practices; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 3588. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants to hospitals and other nonprofit inpatient healthcare institutions, Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and other social service programs for the acquisition of local nutritious agricultural products; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BOND):

S. 3589. A bill to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the National World War I Memorial; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID:

S. 3590. A bill to provide grants for use by rural local educational agencies in purchasing new school buses; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. 3591. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to improve motor fuel supply and distribution; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3592. A bill to designate 4 counties in the State of New York as high-intensity drug trafficking areas, and to authorize funding for drug control activities in those areas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 3593. A bill to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3594. A bill to protect United States citizens from unlawful arrest and detention; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 3595. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Nevada System of Higher Education certain Federal land located in Clark and Nye counties, Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 3596. A bill to stabilize the small business lending market, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 3597. A bill to provide that funds allocated for community food projects for fiscal year 2008 shall remain available until September 30, 2009; considered and passed.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 3598. A bill to amend titles 46 and 18, United States Code, with respect to the operation of submersible vessels and semi-submersible vessels without nationality; considered and passed.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 3599. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to add crimes committed in Indian country or exclusive Federal jurisdiction as racketeering predicates; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 3600. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 3601. A bill to authorize funding for the National Crime Victim Law Institute to provide support for victims of crime under Crime Victims Legal Assistance Programs as a part of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 3602. A bill to authorize funding for the National Crime Victim Law Institute to provide support for victims of crime under Crime Victims Legal Assistance Programs as a part of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 3603. A bill to promote conservation and provide for sensible development in Carson City, Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN:

S. Res. 685. A resolution designating the last week of September 2008 as "National Voter Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from South Da-

kota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 826

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 826, a bill to posthumously award a Congressional gold medal to Alice Paul, in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women.

S. 1492

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to require the Department of Justice to develop and implement a National Strategy Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute child predators.

At the request of Mr. REID, his name and the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1738, *supra*.

S. 2405

At the request of Mr. BAYH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2405, a bill to provide additional appropriations for payments under section 2604(e) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981.

S. 2641

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2641, a bill to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the transparency of information on skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities and to clarify and improve the targeting of the enforcement of requirements with respect to such facilities.

S. 2668

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Indiana

(Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2668, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 2883

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) were added as cosponsors of S. 2883, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Mother's Day.

S. 3070

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 3070, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other proposes.

S. 3308

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3308, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 3325

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3325, a bill to enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws, and for other purposes.

S. 3331

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3331, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly.

S. 3367

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise the timeframe for recognition of certain designations in certifying rural health clinics under the Medicare program.

S. 3389

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3389, a bill to require, for the benefit of shareholders, the disclosure of payments to foreign governments for the extraction of natural resources, to allow such shareholders more appropriately to determine associated risks.

S. 3419

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas